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Date: June 2, 2000

Melvin S. Henricks 1285 East Parkway Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

Dear Mr. Henricks:

I have reviewed your Plan of Operations for the proposed mining activities on the Jim Iver Mining Claims #1 and #2. Unfortunately, I am unable to approve the Plan until you provide the following information as originally described in my letter of March 14, 2000:

- 1) A provision for constructing and maintaining a closure device (metal door, bar gate etc.) that prevents the public from entering the adit. You will need to provide a sketch or drawing, preferably with a written description, of the closure device.
- 2) An estimate of the quantity of material that will be removed from the mine and placed on the waste dump this year.
- 3) Reclamation items (Plan Section V.H) that include permanent closure of the mine portal upon close out of mining operations: seeding of the waste rock dump to stabilize and establish vegetation; and removal of all equipment and other items which you have brought onto the claims to conduct your operation.

I am returning the original copy of your Plan for you to provide this information. Upon submission of the completed Plan, I will determine the appropriate reclamation bond for the project. Once the bond payment has been received, I would then be able to approve your Plan.

These safety, reclamation, and bonding items are required by Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A. Failure to comply with these regulations or conducting mining operations without an approved Plan of Operations would result in a notice of noncompliance and possible violation notice.

Steve Winslow is willing to meet with you at the mine site to discuss your mining activities, reclamation needs and the bonding requirement, in an effort to assist you in completing your Plan. Please contact him at 435) 438-2436 if you would like to do so.

Sincerely.

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Enclosure (1)

District Ranger

**DIVISION OF** OIL, GAS AND MINING

Cc: Lynn Kunzler, Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining



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May 25, 2000

Mr. Lew Sherman 4494 West 3855 South West Valley City, Utah 84119

Re: Exploration Notice, Stephen Engle/Lew Sherman, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Thank you for your application and initial \$100.00 permit fee for an exploration permit on Recapture Creek in San Juan County, Utah, wherein you are listed as the operator's representative and Stephen Engle as the operator. The information supplied on the application indicates that you are intending to use "picks and shovels" to accomplish this work. Under the Mineral Rules R647-1 definitions, "operations that do not involve the use of mechanized earth moving equipment such as bulldozers or backhoes are considered "casual use" and as such do not require a permit." Therefore the Division is returning your check and notice.

By rule "exploration includes the use of mechanized equipment to sink shafts, tunneling, drilling holes, digging pits or cuts, building roads or other access ways." Should you decide in the future to incorporate mechanized equipment into your operation a permit will be required at that time. A copy of the Division Rules and an additional blank notice is enclosed should you need to resubmit at a later time.

If you need further assistance or information, please feel free to contact me at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely

Doug Jensen

Senior Reclamation Specialist Minerals Reclamation Program

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Enclosures: Check #972, completed MR-EXP form,

Rules, blank MR-EXP form

cc: Stephen Engle Engle-permit-return.ltr